110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 5726

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2008

Mr. Baird introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. H-1B VISA APPLICATIONS AND CERTIFI-
- 4 CATIONS.
- 5 (a) Programs To Train United States Work-
- 6 ERS.—Section 212(n)(1) of the Immigration and Nation-
- 7 ality Act is amended by inserting after subparagraph (G)
- 8 the following:

"(H)(i) The employer is directly participating in, or will be directly participating in, an educational, training, or mentoring program to train United States workers in the local community in science, math, engineering, or technology related to the position for which an H–1B nonimmigrant is sought.

"(ii) The involvement of the employer in a program described in clause (i) shall be commensurate with the size of the employer and the total number of H–1B nonimmigrants already employed by the employer at the time the employment of a new H–1B nonimmigrant is sought.".

14 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by 15 subsection (a) shall take effect, and apply to an employer who is seeking to employ a nonimmigrant described in sec-16 tion 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)), on and after 18 19 the first day of the first fiscal year that begins after the 20 date on which the numerical limitation in section 21 214(g)(1)(A) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1184(g)(1)(A)) for 22 such fiscal year is increased above 65,000.

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